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Letter dated 3 August 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the letter His Excellency Mr. Vladislav Jovanovic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to Her Excellency Madame Margaretha af Ugglas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Chairman-in-Office of the Council of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 79 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 29 July 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to the Chairman-in-Office of the Council of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

Thanking you for your letter of 23 July 1993, informing me once again of the unchanged position of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) vis-à-vis the reintegration of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia into CSCE, I take the opportunity to point to the fact that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is not the party that refused to allow continued functioning of the CSCE Missions of Long Duration in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; it was in fact the Committee of Senior Officials which rejected cooperation that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia offered on a number of occasions. Particularly puzzling are the reasons for surprise since we made it quite clear already in April 1993, at the signing of the Protocol on the extension of the mandate of the CSCE Missions of Long Duration, that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia wanted to continue normal cooperation within CSCE and that it was going to consider the question of the continuation of the work of the CSCE Missions of Long Duration in the light of the decision of the Committee of Senior Officials. Regrettably, as we can see from the decisions of the meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials on 29 and 30 June 1993 at Prague, the Committee did not consider our request for cooperation. To accuse the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia now of the lack of willingness to cooperate is, to say the least, contrary to the factual state of affairs.

I would like to assure you that the situation in Kosovo and Metohija, Raska and Vojvodina is absolutely under control and there is no danger to international peace and security. Certainly, there is no interest or motive for the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to aggravate the situation in its own territory.

The sanctions that the international community established against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia more than a year ago are one-sided, unjust, unfair and are maintained without any reason. They are increasingly becoming a destabilizing factor for the entire region. Their dangerous consequences are increasingly jeopardizing the health and the very existence of the population of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. This is reflected in particular in the lack of medicine and the shortage of spare parts for medical equipment, as well as in the difficulties in the field of transport, be it by air, rail, road or water, which has been disrupted or completely discontinued. The very survival of the peoples living in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has been jeopardized by the sanctions and this question of life and death should be included in agendas of international forums. We are still waiting for an answer as to why entire nations living in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are being collectively punished. Consequences of sanctions are increasingly being felt also by other peoples living in our region.

As far as the Missions of Long Duration are concerned, we are fully aware of the positive results of the Missions' presence in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and we have nothing against their renewed presence in future, but it

is for CSCE to decide when it would be prepared to accept our offer for normal cooperation with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

We are indeed prepared to live up to the norms and principles that we have accepted as a CSCE participating State and all we want is precisely to participate.

Our desire and readiness to cooperate has been not only repeatedly stated, but has also been proved in practice by our acceptance of the Missions of Long Duration and of almost 70 various missions and over 800 journalists who visited Kosovo and Metohija alone during the last seven months. It is therefore surprising to learn that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has adopted a policy of non-cooperation with CSCE, while at the same time CSCE does not even consider our offers for cooperation.

We are repeating once again our full readiness to cooperate with CSCE, to have a dialogue concerning all questions related to that cooperation and without any conditions from our, or the CSCE, side.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
Foreign Minister